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EXPORT OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote the export of some agricultural products and agriculture related goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the target fixed for export of agricultural products during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The policy of exports of agricultural products forms an integral part of the export import policy of the country and is governed principally by the concerns of India`s Food Security, maximizing farm income and earning foreign exchange. Review of export performance of agriculture products is an ongoing process. Barring a few, most of the agricultural exports are now freely exportable. The steps taken by the Government to boost agricultural exports include providing assistance for raising small and large nurseries; grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, quality improvement and modernisaion; arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets; and providing assistance in development of database and dissemination of market information.

(c): Performance of the previous year serves as a benchmark target for export of agricultural products. Since international trade in agricultural commodities is dependent on domestic supply matched with international demand, prevailing consumer preferences, traded varieties and quality concerned, targets set are essentially an indication of intent.